

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	EAS.102
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Knowles, William House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	1750 Nauset Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Eastham
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	09-405
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1840
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	No style
<b>Use(s):</b>	Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture; Industry
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Cedar Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick; Concrete Unspecified



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1750 Nauset Road

ic Name

Present Residential

Original "

f Construction Between 1831 & 1854

See Bibliography\*

Form Center-chimney, 3/4 Cape Cod  
House Form

ect/Builder

or Material:

Foundation Pagetted Concrete over Brick

Wall/Trim Shingles

Roof Cedar Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good

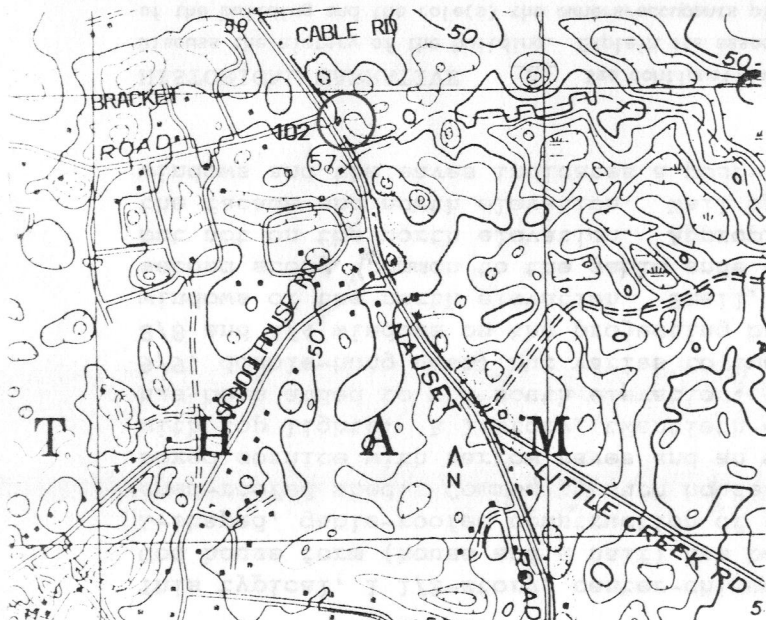
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Acreage 4.05 Acres

Setting Located in a moderately-settled,  
rural, residential area opposite the  
T-intersection of Bracket and  
Nauset Roads.



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## BUILDING FORM

1750 Nauset Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION      See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This typical, 1 1/2-story, center-chimney, rectangular, 4 x 3-bay, 3/4 Cape Cod house form (house and a half) has been expanded by a 1-story, L-shaped, gable-roofed construction of rear ells leading to an attached, shed-roofed shed. Common to such houses, detail is limited to end boards, boxed cornice with narrow eaves and an off-center entry of 6-panel wooden door with top lights. A 1-story, twentieth-century, hip-roofed, rectangular bay has been added to the south elevation. Fenestration consists principally of 9/9, double-hung sash, but varies to include: 1/1 windows on the second floor; 8/8 and 4/4 windows on the projecting bay and 2/2 lights on the first floor windows of the north elevation. Small, windows lighting the corners of the second story, common to the gable ends of such dwellings exist on the south, but not on the north elevation. Appropriately-sized, louvered blinds exist on the facade and north elevation. Wall space between the tops of first floor windows and the eaves indicates a post-1830 construction date.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE   X   See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Nauset Road was a local loop off King's Highway in the north of Eastham built during the Federal Period. By the end of the 1700's, a windmill was located at the west shore of Salt Pond. That mill may be the one moved to Eastham Center. On the 1831 map of Eastham, another windmill is indicated further north on the west side of Nauset Road. These structures indicate a developed agricultural presence at the southern end of Nauset Road. By 1831, a small hamlet was in place at the junction of Nauset Road and King's Highway which included at least one commercial establishment. A school was also located in the neighborhood just south of the windmill. The windmill, which had been run by Isaiah Gill and Freeman Horton, was out of operation and dismantled by 1865.

Unattributed and undated notes and deed research on file for this property in the Eastham Historical Society Archives traces a chain of title for this property only to William Knowles, who sold land including buildings in 1854 to Thomas Ellis. The latter is associated with the property on the 1858 and 1880 maps of Eastham. William Knowles owned one of the many pre-Civil War saltworks in Eastham. In 1909, Thomas Ellis sold to Jerusha Snow. Within three years, the property was transferred between three, different owners: Jerusha Snow to Mary A. Carey in 1910 and Mary Carey to Catherine M. Black in 1911. A missing link in the chain of title leaves unknown how the property came into the possession of Ralph A. Chase who sold it to Sarah B. Feltis in 1922. During her ownership, Charles Feltis had a blacksmith shop with a large barn on the premises. Both are reported to have been lost in the 1940's.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES   X   See continuation sheet.

     Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;

If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.



## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

Cora Maude Maxwell bought the house in 1925. Upon her death, it was inherited by her daughter, Carrie Maskell, and two granddaughters.

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